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## Re: KNOTLESS SLIDING SUTURE ANCHOR

Applicant: Graham Smith  
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Dear Marie:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the patent application which we propose to file with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including the drawings, with attached formal papers. Graham Smith should carefully review the application and contact us if he has any questions or if any change is needed. If all is in order, then the original application should be signed and dated. The signature must be exactly as typed. It is not necessary to use a Notary for this document.

Also enclosed are an original and two copies of an Assignment. This should be signed by Graham and must also be notarized. The original and one copy should be returned to us. The other copy is for your files.

A memorandum attached to this letter explains the purpose of the Information Disclosure Statement; it is essential that Graham read this memorandum and call to our attention anything he thinks might be a candidate for inclusion in the Statement. An incomplete Statement can under some circumstances result in unenforceability of the patent you hope to obtain.

The executed documents (application, assignments and combined declaration and power of attorney) should be returned to us as soon as possible. The other copies are for your files.

Very truly yours,

Phyllis K. Kristal

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Enclosures

cc: George K. Stacey, Esq., Smith & Nephew, Inc. (w/o enclosures)